

Sir. About Rs. 343 Crores are pending from different Private Operators on account of supplementary bills of Interconnect Usage Charges (IUC) raised by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

(b) and (d) The Government has issued the instructions clarifying that any fixed wireless terminal which cannot be restricted to the premises where it is registered for, will be treated as Limited Mobile Service with reference to Access Deficit Charge, Routing and Numbering Plan. The raising and settlement of bills on account of IUC are being done by the operators as per Interconnection Agreements signed between them.

Special courts for cyber crimes

126. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up special courts to deal with cyber crimes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The Adjudicating Officers have been appointed for adjudicating such contraventions as provided for in the Information Technology Act, 2002. Cyber Appellate Tribunal has been established to hear the appeals against the orders of Adjudicating Officers.

The Cyber Appellate Tribunal and the Adjudicating Officers have been vested with the powers of Civil Court under the Code of Civil Procedures, 1908 as provided in Sub-section (2) of Section 58 of the IT Act, 2000.

(c) Does not arise.

Provision of Re.1 per STD call

127. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided Re. 1 per STD call in the country, if so, from when;

(b) whether there is any proposal under active consideration of Government to provide free STD facility in the country on the pattern of Delhi-Mumbai facility; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. BSNL has provided STD call at Re. 1 per minute from 1st March 2006 with monthly fixed charges of Rs. 299 per month under "BSNL One India" package. With effect from 1st November, 2006, BSNL has reduced the monthly fixed charges under 'BSNL One India' package to Rs. 180 with 50 free calls. MTNL Delhi and Mumbai have also launched 'One India' tariff plan providing Rs. 1 per minute STD call in the country w.e.f. 1/3/2006.

(b) At present there is no proposal to provide free STD facility in the country on the pattern of Delhi-Mumbai facility.

(c) BSNL is a Pan-India operator, offering services in both urban as well as rural areas and offers uniform tariff to all subscribers in accordance with Interconnect Usage Charges (IUC) regulation prescribed by TRAI from time to time.

Lifelong free incoming calls

†128. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the license tenure of mobile service provider companies is 15 to 20 years and they are operating for the last 7-8 years but selling connection to a large number of people on the basis of lifelong free incoming calls;

(b) if so, when the licensing period of the mobile service provider companies is not going to last forever, how these companies are misguiding the customers; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action against these companies?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.